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Who Me?
By Lois Rensberger

And the Lord said, Go
And I said, Who me?
And He said, Yes, you
And I said,
But I'm not ready yet
And there is company coming
And I can't leave the kids
And you know there is no one to take my place
And He said, You're stalling.



Again the Lord said, Go
And I said, But I don't want to
And He said, I didn't ask if you wanted to
And I said,
Listen, I'm not the kind of person
To get involved in controversy
Besides, my family won't like it
And what will the neighbours think?
And He said, Get beyond yourself.



And yet a third time the Lord said, Go
And I said, Do I have to?
And He said, Do you love Me?
And I said,
Look I'm scared
People are going to hate me
And cut me up into little pieces
And I can't take it all by myself
And the Lord said, Where do you think I'll be?
And I rose up ---
Here I am, send me.



2023 Fundraiser

We hope to resume our evening of food, a presenter, and the silent auction. Watch for details in our Spring newsletter.

"I have come into the world as light so that no one who believes in me need remain in the dark."
—the words of Jesus Christ, found in the Gospel of John 12:46



KPLS Membership Drive 2023

Please join the Kamloops Pro-Life Society in the coming year! Taking out a membership does not require you to become active in the cause (although you certainly can, if you wish), but it does entitle you to a vote at our AGM and, more importantly, it amplifies our voice in support of the most vulnerable members of our society. You can find our membership form on page 4.

Thank you for your support!



Annual General Meeting

Wednesday
February 15, 2023
7:00 pm OLPH Parish Centre

For voting privileges, please pay 2023 membership dues at least a month in advance by e-transfer or cheque, as per our bylaws.

Please attend with your questions and ideas!



When Maria von Trapp was faced with abortion and Hitler by Mark Haas

(Reprinted from *Aleteia.org*, Arts and Culture section, Dec 19, 2021)



How do you solve a problem like Maria? The heroine of the 1965 American musical drama, *The Sound of Music*, the Baroness Maria Augusta von Trapp, was truly fascinating. The events of the film are but one small chapter in the incredible lives of Maria, her husband Georg, and their 10 children. As her life unfolded, Maria came face-to-face (literally) with both abortion and Adolf Hitler.

The first nemesis was Adolf Hitler himself. The von Trapps were living in Austria for a time after the Nazi invasion. The Nazis quickly tightened their grip of Austrian culture by replacing folk songs, customs, and statues with images of Adolf Hitler and swastika flags bearing the image of what Maria

would call “the black spider.”

In their public schools, the von Trapp children were given new teachers from “the party.” In her own book, *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*, Maria wrote,

“The children came home from school saying that this or that teacher wasn’t there any more, new teachers, even a new principal taking their places ... [the children were told] never to mention at home what they learned at school now ... How long could this go on?”

Very soon after, Maria and Georg decided to depart from their homeland. In the movie, the von Trapp family plots a daring escape over the mountains of the Nazi-invaded country of Austria. In reality, the family makes a less dramatic departure from the country on a ship to New York City. However, before fleeing their native homeland, Maria and Georg encounter the Führer himself. While having lunch in Munich, the von Trapps discover they are sitting adjacent to Adolf Hitler himself.

Maria recalls, “‘Look! The Führer! At the next table!’ And so it was. At the very next table sat the Führer of the German people, surrounded by six or eight S.S. men. They all were drinking beer, and Hitler, raspberry juice, because one of his innumerable virtues was that he didn’t touch alcohol, nor did he eat meat. For the next forty minutes we had a first-class opportunity to look at the Messiah of the Third Reich ... One couldn’t stand it too long, however. Knowing who he was, it was too depressing.”

Not long after this encounter, the von Trapps’ bank had crashed, and the family lost all their immense wealth. They left everything behind to make a journey to America with little money in their pockets. Their large family got them through the most difficult of times. Maria reflected, “Whatever the day may be, it is turned into a feast only by that genuine affection of which a large family is a real powerhouse.”

Indeed, true to the film, Maria adopted her seven stepchildren. She and Georg would soon go on to have three additional children together. They traveled as a family to America with the addition of a priest-friend, who would celebrate daily Mass and evening Benediction with the entire family. With little to no money, they were forced to drastically change their lifestyle, and Maria paradoxically became especially joy-filled. Amid their financial struggles, her husband once commented,

“‘What’s the matter with you? You act as if you had made a million dollars.’ ‘Oh, much more,’ she said. ‘I have just found out that we were not really rich, we just happened to have a lot of money. That’s why we can never be poor.’”

It was during this uncertain time that Maria became pregnant. She immediately began to experience severe back pains and went to see a specialist. Maria recounts the visit,

“‘Your wife cannot have another child,’ he informed my husband; ‘at least, not until the kidneys are back to normal. They are both badly infected ... The child has to be removed, of course, immediately.’ This made me indignant. ‘What do you mean, *of course*? That is not *of course* at all. On the contrary, it is absolutely out of the question—we are Catholics, you know.’ Now the doctor seemed seriously worried. ‘The child won’t be born alive; this much I can tell you.’”

Maria proceeded the only way she knew how: with fervent prayer. She prayed, “Dear Blessed Mother, help me. Let nothing happen to this child.”

When it was time for the baby to be born, the family converged in prayer at the time of delivery:

“The family gathered in the living room, reciting the rosary aloud. Then they sang hymns. Then they prayed again.” After labor, the baby arrived! “I had to squeeze Georg’s hand very hard, and time seemed to stand still. Then I heard a funny little squeak ... At that minute a full chorale downstairs started: ‘Now thank we all our God!’ ... ‘Why it’s a boy!’ ... The predictions of the doctor proved beautifully wrong, and Johannes promises to be a fine American boy.”

It is here that Maria offers encouragement to future mothers as she recounts the moment she learned about the leading abortion provider in the United States:

“Many years later I happened to learn about planned parenthood and birth control to guard against unwanted children. I must say, Johannes had not been exactly planned for that very moment, and as far as being wanted is concerned, I would have gladly said many times, ‘Oh, won’t you please be so kind as to wait for just six months?’ ... If there is any planning to be done, why don’t we let Him do it? Looking back now, I know that He chose the only right moment for Johannes’ arrival.”

The von Trapp Family would go on to claim a great musical success with many tours in the United States and abroad. They would eventually buy a farm in Stowe, Vermont, and build their home with their own hands. They truly climbed every mountain of a troubled world and forged every stream under circumstances of uncertainty. With the undying love of each other, the von Trapp family truly had found their dreams.

“Whatever faults may be committed, big or small, whatever clouds may pile up on the horizon, dark and threatening, love will overcome all.” — *Maria Augusta Trapp*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Supporters,

Since space is at a premium, I would just like to bring to your attention our Christmas educational endeavour. As we did last year we are again placing in mid-December a full-page ad in Kamloops This Week with the ultrasound graphics of Jesus in the womb, entitled 'He's on His Way.' Please watch for it and if you are touched by it, please let the editor of the newspaper know.

As well, if you appreciate our TV and radio ads, please commend CFJC TV & B-100 for airing them. We need to encourage the media personnel who support us.



Our prayers are that you will find quiet times during Advent to prepare your hearts to receive the full measure of spiritual blessings in celebration of the birth of Christ.



Very sincerely in Christ,
Garry (President), Judy, Anita, Shauna, Lise-Anne, Marcella, Miguel, and Tonia

The following is an excerpt from an article researched by LifeCanada, our national pro-life organization, regarding the Canadian government's deadly expansion of those eligible to be euthanized:

The law in our country is the most liberal/permissive in the whole world. There is no other country that advocates to such a lethal degree, for death (abortion and euthanasia) under the guise of "health care." Bill C-7 expanded the 2016 bill and made several amendments. Here is the list of amendments made by Bill C- 7:



1. Bill C-7 removed the requirement in the law that a person's natural death be reasonably foreseeable in order to qualify for assisted death. People who are not terminally ill can die by euthanasia.
2. Bill C-7 permits a doctor or nurse practitioner to lethally inject a person who is incapable of consenting, if that person was previously approved for assisted death.
3. Bill C-7 waives the ten-day waiting period if a person's natural death is deemed to be reasonably foreseeable.
4. Bill C-7 creates a two-track law. A person whose natural death is deemed to be reasonable foreseeable has no waiting period while a person whose natural death is not deemed to be reasonable foreseeable would have a 90 day waiting period before being killed by lethal injection.
5. Bill C-7 permits euthanasia (MAiD) for people who are psychologically suffering in a manner that is intolerable to the person and that cannot be relieved in a way that the person considers acceptable. Bill C-7 permits euthanasia for mental illness alone.

Canadians need real **LIFE**-affirming and **LIFE**-dignifying palliative care and not a cheap offer of death within 24hrs. **We can do better and we must do better.**



NOTABLE QUOTE

"The number one problem facing this society is not money for a change, although fundraising continues to be demanding, but the real crisis is commitment and time. There is so much to do, so few bodies to do it all with. Imagine if we could get 1000 people out to a rally instead of 50; what an impact that would make on this Community! Our job is to make people proud to be pro-life, proud to be committed, and to 'be not afraid.'
- Wendy Nordick (Maybelle Nordick's daughter)

CALLING ALL SENIORS!!

Compassionate Community Care is conducting a survey to collect 500 responses from seniors (*55 and over) on how the last two years have been for them. If you can, please consider participating in this activity online or over the phone (**519-439-6445; info@beingwith.org**). You will enjoy a very pleasant conversation with the surveyor!

Compassionate Community Care

Advice, help, and support regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide, and/or end-of-life treatment issues.



~Confidential and Free~

1-855-675-8749

If you or someone you know is facing problems with receiving positive chronic-illness care or positive end-of-life care or is contemplating euthanasia, please call Compassionate Community Care for life-affirming assistance.

Scholarship Opportunity

\$1000 towards post-secondary tuition for students having completed Grade 12 by June 2023

Requirements (which are due April 1, 2023):

1. **Essay**
2. **Two references**
3. **Volunteering** (in pro-life/life-affirming activities with those who are pregnant, disabled, ill or elderly) which contestants should begin now, if not already initiated.

Please allow 5 business days for post delivery to us by the due date. Email **kamloopspro-life@gmail.com** for more information or see "Scholarship" under "Events" on our website, **www.voices4life.com**



Mary, Did You Know?

Mary did you know that your baby boy will some day walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God

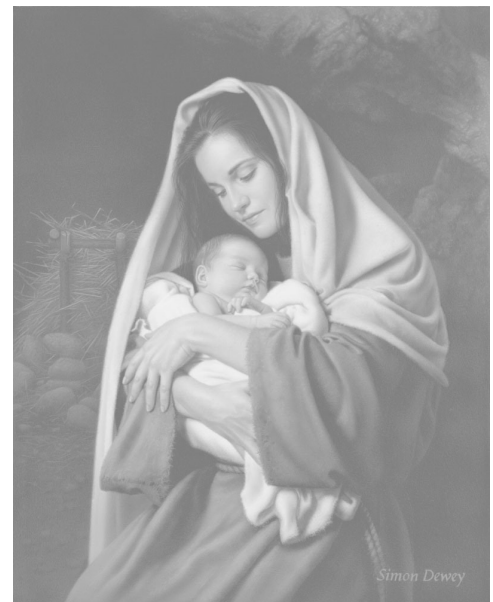
Oh, Mary did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding is the great I Am



-written by Mark Lowry, 1984



In order for receipts to be issued for the 2022 year, donations must be received in our mailbox **on or before Friday, Dec. 30th, 2022**. Therefore, your donations should be posted no later than December 22nd to allow 5 business days for postal delivery. Alternatively, you can use our e-transfer option. Just add Kamloops Pro-life Society to your list of payees as kamloopsprolife@gmail.com. This will auto-deposit your donation and provide a notification of the transfer to both KPLS and you. In the memo portion, be sure to include your mailing address for income tax receipt purposes.

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- I would like a 2023 Single Membership. Enclosed is.....\$10.00
- I would like a 2023 Senior Membership. Enclosed is\$ 5.00 (60 years and over)
- I would like a 2023 Family Membership. Enclosed is\$15.00
- I want to support the Advertising Campaign. Enclosed is my gift of\$ _____
- Enclosed is a one-time donation in the amount of\$ _____
- Enclosed are _____ post-dated cheques in the amount of\$ _____
- Please contact us regarding a pre-authorized debit payment plan.



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